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Identical letters dated 14 September 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to draw to your attention the following information.

Today, Tuesday 14 September 2015, armed terrorist groups perpetrated another crime against civilians in the city of Hasakah. At rush hour, two terrorist suicide bombers detonated a car bomb each, in the Khasham and Mahattah areas respectively. As of the time of writing, more than 20 civilians have been killed; 100 others, the majority of whom are women and children, have been seriously injured; significant damage has been done to private and public property; and three residential buildings have been destroyed.

This bloody terrorist crime took place at the start of the new school year when some four million students are enrolling in school in Syria. It is merely the latest in a series of systematic terrorist attacks perpetrated by armed terrorist groups, including Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the Nusra Front and the Army of Islam, with the aim of terrorizing civilians, making their lives impossible and preventing them from travelling to their jobs and schools. The attack is a response to the defeats inflicted on ISIL by the Syrian Arab Army, with assistance from the people of Hasakah, and to the group's expulsion from the city. The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic underlines that these terrorist acts could not have occurred without the ongoing and direct support provided to the terrorist organizations by such States as Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar, which are protected by certain Western countries that are known to all, not to mention the failure to adopt measures to curb the activities of State sponsors of terrorism.

We call on the Security Council to honour its commitment to combat terrorism and to pursue extremist terrorist groups by strengthening its cooperation and coordination with the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic, which has made every effort to fight terrorism in Syria for the sake of all peoples of the world and to uphold the values of humanity and bolster international peace and security.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that it is ready to combat terrorism and determined to fulfil its constitutional duty to defend and protect the Syrian people. It once more calls on the Security Council and the Secretary-General to condemn this criminal act and shoulder their responsibilities by combating terrorism, eradicating its sources of funding and implementing the

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relevant Security Council resolutions on counter-terrorism, particularly resolutions 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014) and 2199 (2015).

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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